

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Executive Action- HB 21, HB 22, HB 61 & HB 193

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22

00:01:09 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 22 DO PASS.**

00:01:26 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 22 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh20a01)

Discussion:

00:01:48 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

00:02:13 Vice Chair Skees

00:03:08 Vice Chair Hayman

00:03:36 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:04:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. Morigeau and Rep. McConnell voted by proxy.

00:05:23 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 22 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:05:40 Chair Zolnikov

00:06:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. McConnell and Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

00:06:52 Rep. Morigeau joins meeting

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 61

00:07:45 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 61 DO PASS.**

00:08:29 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 61 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh20a02)

00:08:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Olsen moved to **POSTPONE EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 61 TILL MONDAY.**

Discussion:

00:09:40 Vice Chair Hayman

00:10:07 Rep. Redfield

00:10:38 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:10:00 Rep. Custer

00:11:15 Chair Zolnikov

00:11:36 Rep. Olsen

00:12:00 Chair Zolnikov

00:11:15 Rep. Olsen

00:11:54 Chair Zolnikov

00:13:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:14:20 Chair Zolnikov
00:14:23 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
00:16:56 Chair Zolnikov

00:19:13 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved to **SEGREGATE SECTION 5, 19, 20 AND 21 OF THE AMENDMENT.**

See Exhibit 2

Discussion:

00:20:52 Rep. McConnell
00:21:33 Rep. Olsen
00:22:06 Rep. McConnell
00:22:41 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
00:24:01 Chair Zolnikov
00:24:31 Rep. Knudsen
00:24:42 Vice Chair Skees
00:24:55 Chair Zolnikov
00:25:42 Mark Baker, AT&T and Charter Communications
00:26:59 Chair Zolnikov
00:27:07 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:27:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Custer, Rep. Hayman, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:28:15 Rep. Olsen
00:29:15 Vice Chair Skees
00:29:54 Rep. Olsen
00:30:31 Rep. McConnell
00:31:40 Vice Chair Skees
00:32:45 Chair Zolnikov
00:32:54 Rep. Custer
00:35:39 Chair Zolnikov

00:36:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:38:06 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 61 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh20a03)

Discussion:

00:38:19 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:38:49 Vice Chair Skees

00:39:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

00:40:21 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 61 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:40:37 Rep. Hertz

00:41:24 Rep. Custer

00:41:40 Chair Zolnikov

00:42:06 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:42:30 Chair Zolnikov

00:43:11 Vice Chair Hayman

00:44:00 Rep. Olsen

00:44:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

00:45:27 Rep. Garner

00:45:43 Rep. Olsen

00:46:24 Chair Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 21

00:47:05 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 21 DO PASS.**

00:47:18 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. A. Hertz moved that **HB 21 BE TABLED.** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Rep. A. Hertz, Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. C. Knudsen, Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Redfield, Rep. Rosendale, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:48:44 Chair Zolnikov

00:48:55 Rep. McConnell

00:49:38 **Motion:** Rep. Hayman moved that **HB 21 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh20a04)

Discussion:

00:50:05 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:51:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:53:08 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 21 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh20a05)

Discussion:

00:53:45 Vice Chair Skees
00:53:21 Rep Morigeau
00:53:33 Rep. Olsen
00:54:18 Chair Zolnikov
00:54:34 Rep. Custer
00:55:18 Rep. McConnell
00:55:33 Vice Chair Skees
00:55:41 Chair Zolnikov

00:56:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-14 by roll call vote with Rep. O'Hara and Rep. Skees voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:57:15 **Motion:** Rep. Hayman moved that **HB 21 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh20a06)

Discussion:

00:58:00 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD

00:58:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

00:59:24 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:59:28 Rep. McConnell
01:00:46 Rep. Custer
01:02:33 Rep. Hertz
01:04:13 Rep. Morigeau
01:05:04 Rep. Olsen
01:06:14 Rep. Bishop
01:08:14 Chair Zolnikov

01:10:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Custer, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

01:11:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McConnell moved that **HB 21 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 193

01:12:39 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 193 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:12:56 Vice Chair Hayman

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01:13:38 Rep. Redfield

01:14:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer voting no. Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Rep. A. Knudsen was excused.

01:15:53 Chair Zolnikov

01:16:07 Rep. Olsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:17:33

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh20aad.pdf](#))